

MINUTES
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 10, 2014 – 4:30 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX – COMMUNITY ROOM 1

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Syma Ebbin, Len Mediavilla, Michael Murphy, Mark Oefinger, Bob Quevreaux, Bill Robarge, Rita Schmidt, Gary Schneider, Zell Steever, Bob Yust

Excused: John Sutherland

Staff: Norris

Schmidt called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of special meeting of January 13, 2014

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the special meeting of January 13, 2014 as amended.

Motion made by Ebbin, seconded by Steever. Motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Micro Grids Meet and Greet will be held Wednesday, February 19th, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at DEEP

Institute for Sustainability is being formed at UCONN-Avery Point.

Coastal Storm Awareness grant from NOAA was discussed.

At the recent Pfizer Meeting it was mentioned that electrical service was down and recovery of equipment takes a long time.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Energy Efficiency Strategy Recommendations

Discussion was held regarding developing the vision statement for Town energy use. Some possible goals were presented by Yust.

1. Meet or exceed federal mandates for efficiency
2. Town leverage unique circumstances.
3. Town will use most energy efficiency materials practicable.

Discussion continued on the process to use and charge of the Committee.

The Mayor asked if Pfizer could be part of a microgrid. Pfizer's electrical power use was discussed. Quevreaux provided the following information:

- Pfizer has a cogeneration plant which can power most of the site.
- Working with Groton Utilities regarding power issues.

- Redundancy is provided by GU
- Upgrade infrastructure to do critical loads on power
- Power stability issue

The question was asked if Pfizer would be a partner in a microgrid. It was not known.

Discussed City representation, and how such divisions can come together under the Town's energy vision. Steever stated that there is money out there at the federal level and the Committee should advocate for a grant writer and administrator.

Steever and Yust will work on the goals for the Town's energy use vision statement.

Service projects
Before and after

Ebbin asked about the POCD and the potential for the committee's involvement. Murphy stated that a memo that will inform the POCD on sustainability issues is in process and that there will be a meeting of the Steering Committee March 20th.

It was requested that the POCD status and the Energy and Sustainability section of the POCD be added to the next agenda.

2. Discussion of Steever Letter

No discussion.

V. REPORT OF STAFF None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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